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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 422**

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Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to veterans; to amend section 80-401.01,  
2 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define veteran  
3 of the Global War on Terror; and to repeal the original  
4 section.

5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. Section 80-401.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3           80-401.01 For purposes of sections 80-401 to 80-412,  
4 unless the context otherwise requires:

5           (1) Recognized veterans organization means the American  
6 Legion, the American Ex-Prisoners of War, the Disabled American  
7 Veterans, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Paralyzed  
8 Veterans of America, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United  
9 States, the Vietnam Veterans of America, and any other veterans  
10 organization which the Director of Veterans' Affairs determines  
11 (a) is recognized by the United States Department of Veterans  
12 Affairs for claims representation, (b) has a presence in each of  
13 this state's congressional districts, and (c) maintains a state  
14 headquarters sanctioned by its national organization;

15           (2) Veteran of the Spanish-American War means a person  
16 who served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States  
17 between April 21, 1898, and July 4, 1902, or who, being a citizen  
18 of the United States at the time of his or her entry into such  
19 service, served with the military forces of any government allied  
20 with the United States in that war;

21           (3) Veteran of World War I means a person who served on  
22 active duty in the armed forces of the United States between April  
23 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, or who, being a resident of the  
24 United States at the time of his or her entry into such service,  
25 served with the military forces of any government allied with the

1 United States in that war;

2 (4) Veteran of World War II means a person who served  
3 on active duty in the armed forces of the United States between  
4 December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946, or who, being a citizen  
5 of the United States at the time of his or her entry into such  
6 service, served with the military forces of any government allied  
7 with the United States in that war;

8 (5) Veteran of the Korean War means a person who served  
9 on active duty in the armed forces of the United States between  
10 June 25, 1950, and January 31, 1955, or who, being a citizen of the  
11 United States at the time of his or her entry into such service,  
12 served with the military forces of any government allied with the  
13 United States in that war;

14 (6) Veteran of the Vietnam War means a person (a) who  
15 served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States (i)  
16 between August 5, 1964, and May 7, 1975, or (ii) in the Republic of  
17 Vietnam between February 28, 1961, and May 7, 1975, and (b) who,  
18 being a citizen of the United States at the time of his or her  
19 entry into such service, served with the military forces of any  
20 government allied with the United States in that war;

21 (7) Veteran of Lebanon means a person who served on  
22 active duty in the armed forces of the United States between August  
23 25, 1982, and February 26, 1984, or who, being a citizen of the  
24 United States at the time of his or her entry into such service,  
25 served with the military forces of any government allied with the

1 United States in that war;

2 (8) Veteran of Grenada means a person who served on  
3 active duty in the armed forces of the United States between  
4 October 23, 1983, and November 23, 1983, or who, being a citizen  
5 of the United States at the time of his or her entry into such  
6 service, served with the military forces of any government allied  
7 with the United States in that war;

8 (9) Veteran of Panama means a person who served on active  
9 duty in the armed forces of the United States between December 20,  
10 1989, and January 31, 1990, or who, being a citizen of the United  
11 States at the time of his or her entry into such service, served  
12 with the military forces of any government allied with the United  
13 States in that war;

14 (10) Veteran of the Persian Gulf War means a person who  
15 served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States  
16 beginning on August 2, 1990, and ending on the date thereafter  
17 prescribed by presidential proclamation or by law, or who, being a  
18 citizen of the United States at the time of his or her entry into  
19 such service, served with the military forces of any government  
20 allied with the United States in that war;

21 (11) Veteran of the Global War on Terror means a person  
22 who served on active duty in the armed forces of the United  
23 States and served within the borders of the Republic of Iraq or  
24 the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan beginning on September 14,  
25 2001, and ending on the date thereafter prescribed by presidential

1 proclamation or by law, or who, being a citizen of the United  
2 States at the time of his or her entry into such service, served  
3 with the military forces of any government allied with the United  
4 States in that war;

5           ~~(11)~~ (12) Active duty means full-time duty in the armed  
6 forces other than active duty for training; and

7           ~~(12)~~ (13) Active duty for training means full-time duty  
8 in the armed forces performed by reserves for training purposes.

9           Sec. 2. Original section 80-401.01, Reissue Revised  
10 Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.